

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. They are abusing their private rights to our public airwaves to pursue a blatant political agenda that subverts the need for fair discourse necessary in a democracy. This film is not merely passionate or advocating a particular point of view (nothing wrong with that); rather, it has been panned by independent critics as an unfair, distorted, and at certain points outright false smearing of John Kerry. Sinclair has indicated no interest in airing a program from an opposing point of view. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

Thank you.